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To whom This may Concern:

inappropriate for a children's
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If I can be of any
further help, please let me
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Am responding to your interest in input ~~DAY 20~~ ¹⁹⁹ Children's programming on TV.

FCC MAIL ROOM

I am a teacher and have thought long and hard on the reasons kids are the way they are these days. Sure, both parents working, little time with interested adults, and the never satisfied urge to realize the American dream all keep

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TO: FCC
RE: CHILDREN'S TELEVISION

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PLEASE ENFORCE TUFFER RULES!

I AM A 38yr. OLD OF A 5yr. OLD AND A NEWBORN. I HAVE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO KEEP "PLAY GUNS" OUT OF THE HANDS OF MY CHILD. HE BEGGED ME TO BUY HIM A \$2.35 NINJA TURTLE GUN FOR CHRISTMAS. MY SON ACTUALLY CRIED, (AND HE IS NOT A WHINY KID) FOR A TOY REPRESENTING VIOLENCE.

WHY DO YOU ALLOW THIS VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS? YOU ARE CERTAINLY MAKING MY JOB AS A RESPONSIBLE MOTHER VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE! WHY CAN'T THESE SEWER TURTLES "DO GOOD" IN SOME POSITIVE MANNER OTHER THAN IN "GANGS" THAT ARE NOTHING MORE THAN VIGILANTS. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE PROMOTING TO MY CHILD AND I DON'T LIKE IT ONE BIT! SURE I CAN TURN OFF THE T.V. BUT HE THINKS THAT I AM PUNISHING HIM FOR SOMETHING THAT HE DID NOT DO. THAT PROMOTES ANGER IN CHILDREN--THUS A NEVER ENDING CYCLE. I CONSTANTLY INFORM HIM THAT THE "TURTLES" ARE JUST TOO VIOLENT--WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO ME?

I TOOK MY SON TO PARK TO PLAY AND THERE WERE THREE OTHER CHILDREN THERE, AND THEY ALL STARTED TO RUN AND PLAY TOGETHER. ONE OF THE LITTLE BOYS, APPROX. 7 OR 8 DECIDED TO RUN AND JUMP IN THE AIR IN WHAT APPEARED TO ME TO BE A NINJA KICK, AND WHEN HE DID, HE WAS TOO CLOSE AND KICKED HIS LITTLE BROTHER IN THE CHIN. THAT ENDED THEIR FUN AND WHY? WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT 7yr.OLD LEARNED THIS "KICK"? HOW MANY OTHER CHILDREN HAVE MIMICKED THIS KICK AND EITHER ACCIDENTLY OR ON PURPOSE HURT SOME OTHER CHILD?

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE FCC COULD AND CAN HELP TO CHANGE OUR CHILDREN FROM VIOLENT HEATHENS TO LOVING AND CARING CHILDREN BY CHANGING THE RULES OF CHILDREN'S TELEVISION. KIDS ARE BEING DESENSITIZED BY WHAT THEY CONSTANTLY SEE. WE HAVE ENOUGH VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS, WHY IN THE WORLD DO YOU ALLOW IT ON CHILDREN'S SHOWS? DON'T ANY OF YOU HAVE CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN OR DO YOU JUST NOT GIVE A DAMN?

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHY "PEE WEE HERMAN" WAS REMOVED? HE DID NOTHING WRONG ON MY TELEVISION SCREEN. WHAT HE DOES IN PRIVATE OR AT THE MOVIES IS NOT SOMETHING MY CHILD WOULD HEAR ABOUT IF THE "ADULTS" AND THE NEWS MEDIA HAD NOT HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT. HIS SHOWS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF THE AIR. THE INCIDENT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE QUALITY OF HIS SHOW AND MY CHILD WATCHING IT. HE TAUGHT REALITY IN A FANTASY WORLD. HE WAS CHEERFUL, HAPPY, RESPECTFULL, FRIENDLY, CARING AND BENEVELANT. HE NEVER USED GUNS, OR VIOLENCE OR SWORDS, AND HE DIDN'T LIVE IN A SEWER AND BOW TO A SEWER RAT!

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AS FAR AS HIS PROGRAMS GO-HE TAUGHT A LOT OF GOOD. HE WASN'T INTO PORNO AND HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THAT ANY OTHER RED BLOODED AMERICAN MAN HASN'T DONE AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER, SO WHY WERE HIS PERFECTLY GOOD CHILDREN'S SHOWS TAKEN FROM THE CHILDREN? WHY DON'T YOU POLL THE PARENTS? WHICH DO WE PREFER FOR OUR CHILDREN? NINJA TURTLES OR PEE WEE? I'LL TAKE PEE WEE ANY DAY.

WHY NOT SHOW MORE RERUNS? MY 5yr. OLD IS SEEING THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME OF COURSE. I DIDN'T THINK HE'D BE INTERESTED IN "BEWITCHED" AND "THE BRADY BUNCH" BUT GUESS WHAT? HE WATCHES THEM AS INTENTLY AS THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS WITH THE VIOLENCE. IF YOU REFUSE TO SHOW THE OLD RERUNS THEN AT LEAST SHOW PROGRAMS WITH THE RERUN QUALITIES. WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO MICKEY MOUSE, DONALD DUCK, PLUTO, AND GOOFY? THE "TURTLES" ARE DEFINITELY NOT THE ONLY PIECE OF TRASH THAT YOU ALLOW, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MOST UN-EDUCATIONAL, MOST DISGUSTING, VIOLENT, CRIME SHOWS EVER CREATED FOR CHILDREN. TAKE IT OFF OF THE AIR, PLEASE.

CHILDREN DON'T KNOW WHAT'S OUT THERE UNLESS WE SHOW IT TO THEM. WHY NOT "LEAVE IT TO BEAVER" INSTEAD OF BUGS BUNNY BLOWING OFF PORKY'S HEAD WITH A SHOTGUN. WHERE ARE THE EDUCATIONAL VALUES HERE?

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. H. 11', is written above several horizontal lines that span the width of the page.